

BALTIMORE COUNTY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

B-WEST-I-BA-2138

1 NAME

HISTORIC OAKWOOD BUNGALOW

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1301 Edmondson Avenue

1st Councilmanic District

CITY, TOWN

Catonsville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd Congressional District

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Baltimore County**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. Carsten S. Brinkmann

Mrs. Dorothea Brinkmann Bell

Telephone #: Unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

1301 Edmondson Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Catonsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21228

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: GLB 2927

Folio #: 279

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None (Added to MHT Inventory 1881)

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**OAKWOOD BUNGALOW**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

OAKWOOD BUNGALOW is a one-story house of elegant Federal design built in the revivalist era using poured concrete and stucco covering. It was designed to resemble Monticello in a simplified form. The house is five bays wide in front, three of the bays clustered under the portico. There is a wide deck of cast concrete running the full width of the house, six stories above the level of the lawn. Part of the deck is sheltered by the portico, the rest exposed to the weather. The portico is gable-roofed, supported in front by four Doric columns, supported at the rear by two flat, engaged columns. The portico has a dentiled cornice above the columns and the pediment itself is also dentiled and decorated with a small oval window flanked by carved swags (the drooping garlands found on classical buildings).

The main entrance is by a round-topped door set in a prominent white frame topped by a keystone. The door is composed of multiple panes of glass. The two windows immediately flanking the door are also round-topped, decorated with a keystone motif, and composed of multiple small lights.

Flanking the portico itself are single, double-hung sash windows on either side. The windows have 12-over-12 lights and their lintels are of keystone design, the keystones cast as part of the concrete wall. Both windows are fitted with louvered blinds (shutters). The ends of the house (east and west) are half-hexagon in form, each end providing three surfaces for windows. The roof is hipped at a gentle slope as seen from the lawn. Directly behind the portico, the roof breaks into a gabled section where there is a semicircular louvered ventilator facing the street. The roof is separated from the house wall by a slightly projecting dentiled cornice. A rather large, double chimney of brick painted white rises at the east end of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE**OAKWOOD BUNGALOW**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Wyatt & Nolting

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

OAKWOOD BUNGALOW is an elegant private home set well back from the road, surrounded by gardens and on one side screened by a small woodlot. The house is similar to the main block of Jefferson's Monticello in bulk and general plan. The house was built in 1908 for Maria Louisa Brinkmann, whose husband had purchased the grounds in 1906 from Marcella Mactavish. (1) Mrs. Brinkmann eventually owned about 10½ acres on the southside of Edmondson Avenue.

Mrs. Brinkmann drew up a plan and had it refined and executed by the Baltimore firm of Wyatt and Nolting. The material was somewhat unusual for the time, poured-concrete covered with stucco. The family has always believed that this was the first poured-concrete dwelling in Maryland. (The octagon houses of the 1850s were built of a coarser product, poured grout). (2)

Wyatt and Nolting had won a design contest for the new Baltimore City Court House in 1894, defeating Mead, McKim & White. Their courthouse was a six-story Renaissance Revival, block-square palace, loaded from basement to roof with heavy classical details and embellishments. Their Catonsville dwelling was much lighter and more restrained. Another Wyatt & Nolting design was the Roland Park Shopping Center of 1896. (3)

The only local book that has taken notice of this house is Hulbert Footner's Maryland Main and Eastern Shore, which writing of Catonsville in 1942 stated:

Among these clapboard and shingled structures of the early nineteen hundreds stands one little house that deserves to be noticed. Born in an age of ugliness, it is charming and will always be, however styles may change. It was built in 1908 for Mrs. M. L. Brinkman, by architects Wyatt and Nolting. (4)

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The 1911 tax ledger was the first to list the house, then valued at \$9,000 and called a "Bungalow." The same property contained a house worth \$4,000, two automobiles, and two stables. Mrs. Brinkmann acquired another lot and a bungalow in 1912 and another 1½ acres in 1915. (5) The house appears in Bromley's 1915 atlas, inside a block bounded by Edmondson Avenue, Summit Avenue, Beechwood and Osborne Avenues. (6)

The 1918 tax ledger showed quite a variety of structures, the house under discussion being the one marked with an asterisk (*):

Maria Louise Brinkmann		
9 Acres, Summit Avenue 185 ft. e. of Beechwood Ave.		
@ \$725 per A.		\$6,525
Dwelling	20 x 30	
	40 x 50 two & half story	11,076
Garage	32 x 32 one story	1,344
Tenant House	16 x 40 two story	826
Garage	16 x 24 one story	230
Chicken House	14 x 22 one story	131
1½ Acres s. side Edmondson Ave.		
300 ft. e. of Beechwood Ave.		
@ \$800 per a.		1,200
*Dwelling	46 x 46, one story	10,474
1½ Acres n. side Summit Ave., NE corner		
Beechwood		
		1,512
Dwelling	28 x 32 two & half story	2,257
Stable	16 x 18 one story	131
Furniture	300, Auto 1600	1,900.
		(7)

The house has never left the original family, having passed to the son and daughter of its first owner in 1948. (8) The area is now 1.21 acres, bordered on the east by the grounds of a large suburban house, on the west by a patch of woods reaching to Wyndcrest Avenue. The property contains a number of fine beech trees. Mrs. Bell reported in 1981 that the only change from the original house plan occurred when a concrete balustrade atop the cornice crumbled and had to be removed.

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, WPC 289:30. Most Mactavish properties in Catonsville trace back to Charles Carroll of Carrollton.
2. Data from Mrs. Dorothea Brinkmann Bell, 1981.
3. John Dorsey and James D. Dilts, A Guide to Baltimore Architecture (Centreville, Md., 1981), pp. 76, 241, 283, 291. The architectural partners were William G. Nolting (1866-1940) and J. B. Noel Wyatt (1847-1926).

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NOTES contd.:

4. Hulbert Footner, Maryland Main and Eastern Shore (New York, 1942) p. 85.
5. B.C. Tax Ledger, District 1, 1911, f. 70.
6. George W. Bromley, Atlas of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, 1915), Plate 6.
7. B.C. Tax Ledger, District 1, 1918, f. 64.
8. B.C. Deeds, JWS 1648:151.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore County Tax Ledger, 1911, District 1, f. 70.
Baltimore County Tax Ledger, 1918, District 1, f. 64.
Hulbert Footner, Maryland Main and Eastern Shore (New York, 1942), p. 85.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.21

Tax Map 100, Parcel P200.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

S80° 58' W 220.6 feet along s/s of Edmondson Avenue
S23° 23' E 306.35 feet (along e/s Wyndcrest Avenue)
N62° 26' E 172.16 feet (along n/s of Glenmore Avenue)
Thence with curve 241.00 feet to BEGINNING on Edmondson Avenue.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY None

STATE

None

COUNTY

None

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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